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Public Service Commission of Wisconsin  
PO Box 7854  
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RE: Request for Economic Performance Testing of Expansion of Transmission Lines

Chairperson Valcq and Commissioners:

As legislators representing districts that are directly affected by the proposed American Transmission Company (ATC) – Cardinal Hickory Creek (CHC) Transmission Line project, we write in the interests of our constituents, some of whom have requested that the economic performance of high-voltage transmission lines be tested as part of your strategic energy assessment. Specifically, we are looking for whether or not Wisconsin ratepayers are getting the returns estimated during the planning stages of constructing these lines.

As you know, ATC is guaranteed a 10.2% return on their investments at the expense of Wisconsin ratepayers. It is imperative that ratepayers are provided with some form of accountability when their dollars are used to fund such a large undertaking. With this goal in mind we are asking that the evaluation study some of the parameters required for approving a project's certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) in Wis s. 196.491 (3) (d):

*2. The proposed facility satisfies the reasonable needs of the public for an adequate supply of electric energy.*

*3t. For a high-voltage transmission line that is designed for operation at a nominal voltage of 345 kilovolts or more, the high-voltage transmission line provides usage, service or increased regional reliability benefits to the wholesale and retail customers or members in this state, and the benefits of the high-voltage transmission line are reasonable in relation to the cost of the high-voltage transmission line.*

Transparency and accountability are paramount to good government. We hope that you will consider including economic performance of existing high-voltage transmission lines as part of your regularly required assessments. Ratepayers should be informed of the economic impact of these projects, while the data from these evaluations can also be utilized in considering the need for future projects. Thank you for considering our request. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

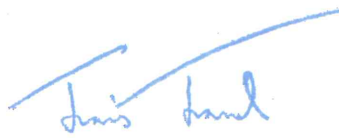
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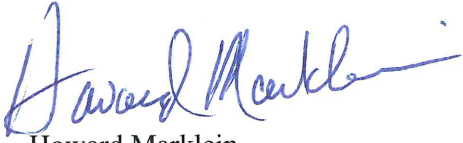
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